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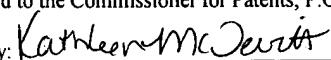
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING COMPRESSIVE  
CONNECTION WITH ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE DISSIPATIVE  
PROPERTIES

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))**

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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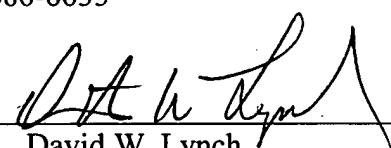
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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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<b>FORM 1449*</b> <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> <b>IN AN APPLICATION</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number: <b>SJO920030059US1</b>	Application Number: <b>Unassigned</b>
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\*\*\* \*\*\* DOCUMENT NO. AAA87A062758 \*\*\* \*\*\*

TITLE      Electrostatic Eliminators for Connector Cables. July 1987.

ORDER      87A 62758

LOCATION      Tucson

INVENTOR      Nilsen, NF

PUBNAME      Research Disclosure n279 07-87

DISCLOSR      TU8860193

TEXT      An eliminator pad for discharging electrostatic charges from cables to data processing systems can be made by suspending conductive particles in an elastomer base and fastening the pad next to the conductor plug.

Device interface cables, when not connected to an active device, will accumulate an electrostatic charge. The charge can intensify as cables are dragged across computer room floors. When the cables are attached, the charge can discharge through the logic drivers potentially causing damage.

The eliminator pad is constructed of a composite of particles of an electrically conductive material, such as silver, nickel or carbon suspended in a silicon elastomer base. A soft and pliable pad results that is electrically conductive. The pad is mounted to the device frame adjacent to the cable plug connectors such that the pad is essentially at earth ground. Before the cable is connected to the plug connectors, the cable plug is touched to the pad to discharge any electrostatic charge in the plug pins. The soft pad protects the pins from physical damage while discharging the charge to the frame.

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